IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of:

Siang Ping Kwok

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MULTILAYERED CMP STOP FOR FLAT PLANARIZATION

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

November 30, 2001

Assistant Commissioner for Patents

Washington, DC 20231

Dear Sir:

Please amend the above referenced application as follows:

In the Specification:

Page 1, before line 1, insert -- This application claims priority under 35 USC § 119(e)(1) of provisional application numbers 60/250,211 filed 11/30/00.--

REMARKS

Entry of the foregoing amendment prior to examination is respectfully requested.

If the Examiner has any questions or other correspondence regarding this application, Applicant requests that the Examiner contact Applicant's attorney at the below listed telephone number and address.

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